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Observations on Documentation Provided
by Erik Heine

Heimkehr-Bescheinigung (Home-Returnee Certificate):

Taken prisoner on 24 Aug. 1944. This coincides with the date when his Battalion CO Capt. Maitla was wounded. According to Heine he roamed the woods for some days after that and was captured on 28 Aug. 44.

Discharged as POW and arrived in West-Germany on 26 Nov. 56. Heine appears to be confused whether he arrived in October or November 1956.

Results of medical examination difficult to read. Looks like: Thigh shot in 44, head wound (44), concussion (43), Scurvy(45)-loss of teeth, nerve-condition

Money received: Discharge DM 200, Government Welcome gift DM. 100, Homecomers assistance DM. 300. A total of DM. 600(about \$150). Heine claims he received \$1500.

Fremdenpass - Heine's father Oskar

Issuing date illegible, appears to be 23 April 41 in Schwabish Hall. Registered in Tartu 12 Oct. 42, in Tallinn 3 Dec. 42. Appears to have returned to Tartu, dates illegible.

Birth-Certificate - no special comment

Zollinhaltserklärung(Custom declaration)

German Postal Service forms, for standard food parcels in this case. Two are sent by what looks like: H. Herrvy, Hamburg, Woermannsweg 12. One has no date, the other is stamped 21 Sep. 56

Three appear to be sent by Annemarie Landahu, Hamburg, Fuhlsbutteh, Kummelsbuttlar Land str. 33. Father's name Oskar appears in address (Russian style). Dates are stamped 4 June 56, 9 Aug. 56 and 21 Sep. 56.

All packages are addressed to Heine in Soviet Union, address designation 5110/33

It is noteworthy that Heine should be in possession of these declarations. They appear to be in good condition as if stapled together in a file.

Passport (Visa) - Republic of Estonia - issued by Estonian Consulate in London 19 Feb 57

Extended by Estonian Consulate in Toronto 24 Sep. 62. U.S. visa granted 7 Nov 60. This passport was used for trips to U.S. first 16 Apr. 61.

It is likely that this passport could be obtained by written application to Estonian Consulate in London.

Reisepass - West Germany

Issued to German citizen Heine in Oldenburg on 8 March 1957 (less than a month after he obtained the Estonian Passport). Used to obtain visitors permit for Canada. Entry on page 8 is not quite clear as to its meaning. Similar entry to landing stamps on Estonian passport (page 9) may mean that the Reisepass was used to enter Canada 6 Mar 59. On the other hand it could mean the granting of landed immigrant status.

A check with German Embassy revealed that Germany does not recognize dual citizenship. This means that when Heine accepted Estonian passport as a citizen of that country, he obtained the German passport under false pretenses. In addition he himself claims to have told German authorities after his release that he is an Estonian subject and used his claim for German citizenship as a ruse to fool the Soviets.

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